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GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS PROPHYLACTIC,
THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS
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AMENDMENT

Entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are
requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 63-74, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--75. (new) A Hepatitis C virus polynucleic acid, having a nucleotide sequence

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which is unique to at least one of the new HCV types 7, 9 or 11, or, to at least one of the
subtypes id, le, if, 1g, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2k, 2l, 3g, 4k, 4l or 4m, wherein when the
sequence is unique to at least subtype id the sequence is at least 96% identical to SEQ
ID NO: 1; or the complement thereof.